

Bristol March 1853

My dear Mr. Chapman.

Thank you for your offer of an introduction to Mrs. Stowe. To be brought to her notice by you, would be very satisfactory to me. I believe I mentioned in my late letter to you, that in reply to a request of Miss Lushington that I wd convey an invitation to Mr. L. to visit Dr. Lushington & Oakham Park, I had said that I had not sufficient acquaintance with Mr. L. to warrant my introducing myself to her, & that I had no intention of seeking a more formal one.

I have never any curiosity to become acquainted with a "lion". (perhaps because ~~the same~~ the "lions" have never any desire to know me) and I did not feel Mr. L. & I were in any special sympathy as to the Abol. movement. Had it been Mr. Porter or Mr. Motte who were visiting England, it would have been difficult to prevent me from introducing myself on their acquaintance. Besides, as to Mrs. Stowe, she will be so much

"followed" that I should have considered it a kindness
to her, not to ~~have~~ troubled her. I forget if I men-
tioned to you that I had communicated with
her about the threatened prosecution of Dr. Parker
& that ~~my communication~~ the information
I sent her was politely acknowledged by
Dr. Bacon, & its value appreciated, in the event
of the trial having taken place. If you do
think of mentioning me to Mrs. Stone, please
to tell her that if she ~~would~~ visit, an ancient
city, & its pine needle bushwood, I would wish
to be in retirement while here, as home
will afford her an ~~excellent~~ ^{excellent} asylum, and
a warm welcome for I hope your ex-
perience will not compel you conscientiously
to withhold such an invitation?

When you write to Mrs. Stone perhaps
you would not object to mention Dr.
Lushington's invitation? I cannot
doubt that she will truly be desirous of
seeing the Crafts. They are improving
beautifully. Ellen writes me very nice
& touching letters. I have just sent
some vaccine matter to their surgeon
to vaccinate the baby, then not knowing
exactly what prejudices they might
have on this point, & believing they

would readily follow my advice: that they
have done. Poor Ellen contemplated her
confinement, when approaching, with a
heavy heart; - "her studies would be inter-
rupted;" - "their cares & expenses would be
increased;" - "she had no friends to sym-
pathise with her;" - ~~nevertheless~~ but (as
I was satisfied wd be the case) a Mother's
duties brought with them a Mother's joys.
I believe she & her husband are far hap-
pier than they have been since their abode
in England. I ~~believe~~ ^{think} it to you that I had
expected to see us in London for 3 days, where
he greatly enjoyed himself? The result
of the ~~at~~ private Appeal I sent to a few
friends for their education in Dec. this year,
was £80. As neither of them wd allow
any money to be sent on Ellen's behalf
when she ceased to be able to attend the
school, a balance of at least half the
sum will be payable to them in June.
They have not settled their future plans,
but I expect they will be judicious ones.
I have just recd. Mrs. Stowe's "Key to

W. F. Davis, the large 8th edition 1846.
The printing of it 811 pages was begun on
th Tuesday the 15th of this month & finished
on Friday 19th in 4 days. ^{Imprinted & bound} I hardly
expect to find any thing in it new to me.
I see part of a letter published I have, I suppose
the original in those letters you left and
one from Theophilus Freeman & others.
I am glad to see Edw. Matthews's suffering
noticed.

You must be, as we are in a majority
the W. Broad St. affairs. My hopes increase
with my more intimate acquaintance with
events. Mr. Webb really thinks as he wrote
the stand end of the 3rd Feb. about Thayer &
Alexander. I cannot yet agree with him
about Jno. Thayer's innocence & ignorance
& I doubt if either Brown or G. T. will? Still
I am willing to believe that we may have
taken an erroneous or exaggerated view
of proceedings respecting which we had no
accurate information. Mr. Thompson
told me last summer that Noble was
quite subordinate in the editing of the Report.
Mr. G. W. M. always seeing to every No before it

2nd went to the press, Mr. Chas. appears me
such was not the case, - that I settle had the
sole management, & often annoyed the Com.
by his mode of conducting it. I am very glad
Mr. Webb wrote as he did, (with his views)
as it will help Mr. Chas. In the Key volume
just out, Mr. Webb has left out a very
pithy part of the J. News article whipping
the B. & F. & also has made no allusion
to the severe strictures passed on the Socy
& its organ at the late Mass. A. S. Council
Meeting. Considering how Mr. Chas.
has thrown his own upon our forebearance,
this was but right. I am full of curi-
osity to see the next Reporter.

Mr. Webb has written a good article in Key
about Mr. Linn & Mr. Wisbe, but has put
an uncaptious, & not very lucid heading
to it. Mr. W. cannot see how little we
whately make English enjoy as even the
certain species of Irish wit, es-
pecially when the subject is a really
serious one. The last blunder at a school
for "Prayer used as a unit blunder" is
very appropriate, & the extracts capital.

capitulate but I think as orthodox friends
may ^{consider} ~~think~~ the title making too free with
serious subjects.

I think if I could talk with you &
Emma about the O.N.s you would not ^{consider} ~~think~~
me so unfeeling & unreasonable. You
can hardly conceive the stuff from Mr. O. R.
— & Mrs. ^{Parton} ~~the~~ talked about the beauty of
the family, their very high connexion —
— what the children were born to & so on &
all mixed up with the injured eye & its
fatal consequences. Yet as far as a cul-
pable of the case medically was concerned
they were all, Susan excepted, quite sensible.

Then they played me, & approached Mrs.
Parton, I could not but feel much interest
for them, & made all allowances; & then
the practicality of the do-gooders as for
the little sorrows I was able to read as living
was really affecting. Emma will not
think me ignorant at least of ordinary
feelings at a personal deformity when I told
her that I have operated upon nearly
200 persons for the cure of squinting, in
every instance from the wish of the party to
be relieved from the disfigurement, and among

so many it was but natural that I should
learn curious revelations of the misery that
had been experienced. I entirely understand &
make allowance for Mrs. O. R.'s trials, but
they cannot mislead my judgment as to
the amount of physical suffering her ail-
ment occasions, or to the terrible degree of it
she would have to endure were an operation
performed as she wished for sinking the eye,
& enabling her to wear a glass one. The opera-
tion itself wd be trifling, but the necessary
inflammation resulting wd be severe, & not
unattended with danger.

While referring to Mr. Chennoweth,
I omitted to say that I had written a long
letter to him with hints & suggestions, knowing
that he was not likely to receive similar
ones from others. Among these were, advice
that the B. F. A. S. S. should adopt some
very simple "platform" or "Declaration of
Sentiment," - one which would allow of co-
operation of all honest Abol. - the avoiding
all meddling with political questions, such
as Protection duties, African blockade &c.
to have little to do with the gov^t authorities
not even to certify the numbers in "Deputations

to Mr. Palmerston" &c. Petitioning for
protection of colored seamen, was a direct,
& desirable attack upon Am. Slavery -
I told he ^{him} must get rid of the absurd pre-
judice against the "infidel Abols" before he
can expect much success. - That Geo. Th.
son, must sooner or later be brought into the
field. I mentioned (I think) Pease has helped
Mr. Richardson as a type of the self-righteous &
bigoted opponents, who must be silenced,
according to your expression, "charged and

^{This} they answer to my suggestions is of the
most satisfactory nature: and I am happy
to know that in his Anti-Slavery efforts,
his religious opinions will ^{not} interfere with
the rough Abolitionism - even in the sense
of Charleston, - any more than Mr. Garrison,
Mr. W. Phillips, your sister Annine &
Mr. Quincy. I think Mr. Cham. is more
sympathetic as to the number of true Abols.
he will make than the result will justify.
At present things are smooth with him.
he has not yet come into collision with
the religious element, which, with his
aims & opinions, he is sure to meet with.
It is blessed to hear that Mr. McKim is
coming to be here, & hopes he will arrive before
the anti-slavery meeting in Exeter Hall on the 16th inst.

32) When Lord Shaftesbury will take the Chair
His difficulty as to G. I. arises from the perso-
nal feelings of some of the Com. towards him.
We must send you the next Reporter: No. 7?
of the Lib. may be already in your hands.
You did not say whether a London paper
occasionally is a boon or a bore?

This letter was begun two or three days
ago, but I was unable to finish till now.
We sent us all the letters recd. by Mr. Spink, & should
be able to transmit the caps to Mr. Follen.
We are sorry to find by a letter from Mrs. Reid to
Miss Pugh recd. this morning, that Mr. Follen
has been again indisposed. Lib. of March 24th
are come to day: they are interesting; not least of
so of the various articles Mr. W. Phillips's
correspondence with Mrs. Stone respecting
her father. The Quakers here are in
great alarm about Mr. Stowe's visit. On hearing
from me an expression of ^{this} ~~very~~ alarm, in my
innocency I supposed it was from some doubt
of her ^{wisdom} G. I. influence in England, but I found it
was on much higher grounds — the fear that
her moral would be injured the applause of the world?

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4/ Present my kind love to your circle, & believe
me my dear Mrs. Chapman,

Affectly Yours

J. B. Estlin.

I have been looking thro' your letter &
~~must~~ again beg you not to suppose that I
knew all the causes of Mary Anne's suffer-
ings. They may have been beyond what I could
fathom. I wish she had dealt differently with
me. By Miss Weston's report of the case I
was prepared to find a painful disease war-
ranted a serious operation for its relief.
I found nothing of the kind. The patient has
assured me her sufferings (and mental ones)
were as Miss W. described them. ^{I doubted} No help, ex-
ceptive in the inquiry, on the contrary I
felt if she was right before me, I was
delighted to work out, contrary to all testimony
my own conclusion that the distress was
of a different kind from physical pain.
Now had Miss O. R. at first acknowledged the
her object was to be enabled to wear an artificial
eye, or had she privately said this to me,
I might have looked at the subject in a differ-
ent light, for I am by no means prepared to say
that a person is not warranted in submitting
to an operation, even of a hazardous na-
ture, to remove an ill which embitters life.